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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/60/916)*]

60/268. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004 and 59/301 of 22 June 2005, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations,[1] the note by the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recognizing the importance for the United Nations to be able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within thirty days for traditional peacekeeping operations and ninety days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations[1] and the note by the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[2]

[1] A/60/681 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/60/727.

[2] A/60/898.

[3] A/60/807 and A/60/900.

2. *Reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

3. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006 as well as other relevant resolutions;

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[1] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. *Decides* to establish the following posts:

(*a*) Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti team in the Office of Operations of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

(*b*) Policy Coordinator (P-4) in the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

(*c*) Secretariat Services Officer (P-3) in the Fifth Committee secretariat;

(*d*) Information communications expert (P-3) in support of the African Peacekeeping Capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in Addis Ababa;

(*e*) Administration finance analyst (P-3) in support of the African Peacekeeping Capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in Addis Ababa;

7. *Also decides* to approve the establishment of the post of Chief of the Integrated Training Service (D-1) in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and requests the Secretary-General to evaluate the functioning of this post and to report thereon within the context of the support account budget for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

8. *Further decides* to approve the establishment of the post of Chief of the Transport and Movement Service (D-1) of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, to be funded from the abolishment of one existing P-4 post, with the balance of the requirements to be funded from within the approved level of the support account for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

9. *Decides* to approve the establishment of the post of Environmental Engineer (P-3) in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and requests the Secretary-General to rejustify the requirement for this post in the support account budget for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

10. *Decides* not to approve the post of Security Coordinator Officer (P-4) in the Department of Safety and Security, and requests the Secretary-General to rejustify the requirement for this post in the support account budget for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

11. *Decides* to approve an amount of 23,265,700 United States dollars in general temporary assistance and an amount of 4,417,900 dollars in non-post resources in the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 in respect of the African Peacekeeping Capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the

Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Procurement Service and the Headquarters Committee on Contracts in the Department of Management of the Secretariat, procurement-related functions in the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat and in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and conduct and discipline capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

12. *Decides* not to approve an amount of 154,200 dollars under consultancy;

13. *Notes* the request of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] and requests the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the evolution of the support account, on the basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee[5] and in close consultation with the Office of Internal Oversight Services, bearing in mind section IV, paragraph 5, of General Assembly resolution 59/296, and to share the analysis with the Board of Auditors, and to report thereon to the Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session within the context of his next budget proposal for the support account;

14. *Reaffirms* section VIII of General Assembly resolution 53/221 of 7 April 1999, section IX of resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001, section V of resolution 57/305 of 15 April 2003 and section XI of resolution 59/266 of 23 December 2004;

15. *Notes with concern* that the financial provision for consultants has steadily increased in recent years despite the parallel provision of additional posts for the support account, while bearing in mind that the provisions were needed, inter alia, to enhance the quality of work, management efficiencies and skills of staff;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when proposing resources for consultancies in subsequent support account budgets, to include a trend-analysis comparing the requested level of resources with the approved resource levels in the previous five financial years and to provide supplementary information with full justification for all consultancies including, inter alia, information on why the expertise is not available within the Organization;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Internal Oversight Services the task of refining the methodology for allocating resident auditors, taking also into account the risks and complexity of the operation of individual peacekeeping operations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

18. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, within the appropriate context, on the efforts made in support of African Union capacity-building, taking into account the functions and contributions to be provided by the United Nations, its funds, programmes and agencies and all external partners, including the efforts made to avoid duplication and overlap;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate, at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, on the relationship between the Senior Review Group[6] and the proposed senior leadership review group in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations within the context of human resources management;

20. *Decides* to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from

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[4] See A/60/807.

[5] See A/59/784.

[6] See Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2005/4 for the terms of reference of the Group.

1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

21. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that the delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions and the relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

22. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;[7]

Budget estimates for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

23. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 183,187,000 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, including 734 continuing and 56 new temporary posts and their related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the budget estimates

24. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 shall be financed as follows:

(*a*) The unencumbered balance of 3,584,800 dollars and other income of 2,121,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(*b*) The amount of 15,804,000 dollars in excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(*c*) The balance of 161,676,300 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(*d*) The net estimated staff assessment income of 18,186,100 dollars, comprising the amount of 18,804,200 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and the decrease of 618,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (*c*) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

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[7] A/60/681 and Corr.1 and Add.1.